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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-7. Cancelled

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A chemical mechanical polishing composition of claim 7 comprising metal oxide abrasive particles, said particles being coated at least partially with an extraneous metal layer, wherein the metal layer comprises a metal in its zero valence state, and wherein the metal layer also comprises a material selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides, water-insoluble metal compounds, as well as mixtures thereof and mixtures of the foregoing.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 7 ~~8~~ wherein the ~~metal-bearing metal~~ layer comprises at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Cu, Ti, Fe, Sn, Pb, Ta, Mo, ~~We~~ and Nb.

10-33. Cancelled

34. (New) The composition of claim 8 wherein the metal layer comprises copper in its zero valence state.

35. (New) The composition according to claim 8 wherein the composition also comprises abrasive particles which are not coated with a metal layer.